



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 553***

LCO No. 2667

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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:  
(CE)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than October 1,  
2       2008, the executive director of the Connecticut Commission on Culture  
3       and Tourism shall establish a Sports Advisory Board within the  
4       commission that shall advise the executive director on the most  
5       effective ways to utilize state resources to promote, attract and market  
6       in-state professional and amateur sports and sporting events. Such  
7       board shall also advise the executive director on ways to coordinate  
8       the use of state-owned facilities in order to enhance sports-related  
9       tourism in the state and develop methods for the dissemination of  
10      information concerning in-state professional and amateur sports and  
11      sporting events to residents of the state and the northeast.

12      (b) Such advisory board shall consist of one member from each of  
13      the following entities: (1) The University of Connecticut's Athletic  
14      Department; (2) the Connecticut State University System's Athletic  
15      Department; (3) the XL Center; (4) Northland AEG; (5) the Traveler's  
16      Championship Golf Tournament; (6) the Pilot Pen Tennis Tournament;  
17      (7) the Special Olympics; (8) the Mohegan Sun Arena; (9) Foxwoods

18 Resort Casino; (10) Lime Rock Park Race Track; (11) the Arena at  
 19 Harbor Yard; (12) New Britain Stadium; (13) the Connecticut Marine  
 20 Trades Association; (14) the Office of Policy and Management; (15) the  
 21 Department of Economic and Community Development; (16) the  
 22 Capital City Economic Development Authority; and (17) any other  
 23 entity involved in sports or sporting events that the executive director  
 24 deems appropriate.

25 (c) The first meeting of the Sports Advisory Board shall convene not  
 26 later than November 15, 2008, and the advisory board shall meet not  
 27 less than once per calendar quarter thereafter. The advisory board shall  
 28 provide any recommendations of the advisory board to the executive  
 29 director not later than thirty days after any such meeting.

30 (d) The members of the advisory board may select a chairperson  
 31 from among its membership who shall be responsible for the  
 32 scheduling and conducting of any such meeting.

33 (e) The Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism shall  
 34 provide staff support to the board.

35 (f) Not later than thirty days prior to each regular session of the  
 36 General Assembly, the executive director of the Connecticut  
 37 Commission on Culture and Tourism shall submit a report to the joint  
 38 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
 39 matters relating to commerce that includes information on the status of  
 40 the Sports Advisory Board's activities, the implementation of any  
 41 recommendations of such advisory board and any legislative  
 42 proposals related to such recommendations.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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**CE**      *Joint Favorable*

